

LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS

1. – 45. (Cancelled)

46. (Currently Amended) A storage-type receiving device comprising:

a receiving part for receiving ECMs including an encrypted content comprised of plural playback section and a preview limit information describing a pre-viewable time period of said content data and a time information describing current time and a pre-viewable period describing upper limit of received number, which are used for decoding said playback section;

a counting part for counting the number of reception of ECM;

a judging part for judging whether said preview limit of received ECM has passed said current time or not;

a preview generating part for decoding a specified playback section and generating preview with the use of said ECM which is within the limits of pre-viewable time period and is not ~~exceed~~ exceeding the upper limit described as the pre-viewable period, when judging said preview limit of received ECM has not passed the time described as said time information; and

a playback part for playing back the preview being stored.

47. (Currently Amended) A storage-type receiving method, comprising the steps of:

receiving ECMs including an encrypted content comprised of plural playback section and a preview limit information describing a pre-viewable time period of said content data and a time information describing current time and a pre-viewable period describing upper limit of received number, which are used for decoding said playback section ~~content data~~;

counting the number of reception of ECM;

judging whether said preview limit of received ECM has passed ~~the time described as~~ said time information or not;

decoding a specified playback section and generating preview with the use of said ECM which is within the limits of pre-viewable time period and is not exceeding the upper limit described as the pre-viewable period, when judging said preview limit of received ECM has not passed the time described as said time information;

generating part for decoding the encrypted content and generating preview with the use of said ECM, when judging said preview limit of received ECM has not passed the time described as said time information; and

playing back the preview being stored.

48. (Currently Amended) The storage-type receiving device according to claim [[45]] 46, wherein the playing back part selects and plays back a desired preview out of a plurality of previews being stored while performing in response to another command differ from the playback command;

wherein the command differ from the playback command is a command for displaying a program table created in accordance with a category search, and

wherein the playing back part selects and searches a preview belonging to the category to be searched as a desired preview under the different command.